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1. The group of Communist leaders in Honduras at the present time was organized in Mexico in 1939 by Alfonso Guillen Zelaya (who died last year). Luis Paz, a relative of Guillen, Moises Ochoa Lopez, Juan Ramon Castro, and Roberto Buzco are the leaders at the present time. They all received their Communist training in Mexico. They are now concentrating most of their efforts on the North Coast in Honduras. The Communists are carrying out what they call the Zelaya Plan, which is similar to Communist plans of action in other countries, namely, to gain positions within the Honduran opposition, influence the opposition by taking part in their meetings, disrupting them when necessary, and in various ways direct the efforts of the opposition along the paths most convenient to the Communists. They have succeeded in influencing the opposition a great deal but they have failed to raise any of their leaders to the first rank in the opposition.
2. The essential basis of the Honduran Communists is the Partido Nacionalista Autentico and its publicity organ, El Norte. It is significant that for more than a year this newspaper has been advocating a program of national unity similar to that advocated by Communists in El Salvador and Guatemala, and which was worked out by Alejandro Dagoberto Marroquin in Mexico. This Salvadoran Communist is Secretary for Popular Action of the Caribbean Bureau. Naturally, the Communists are taking advantage of the Belize question at the present time in their anti-imperialist campaign.
3. The following are the main points of the Communist program as it is being carried out in Honduras:
  - a. Secret cellular organization in the entire country concentrated in workers' centers, and particularly in the United Fruit Company.
  - b. The formulation of "fractions" (fracciones), or small groups of two or three persons trained in agitation and propaganda which can disrupt political meetings or otherwise influence political action.
  - c. The disposition of "fractions" in all divisions of the Honduran opposition.
  - d. The deep penetration of the Nationalist ranks of Carlas with a view to gaining strategic positions in the event of the imposition of Galvez.
  - e. Preparation to take over revolutionary direction as a political party in the event that armed struggle breaks out in Honduras.

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